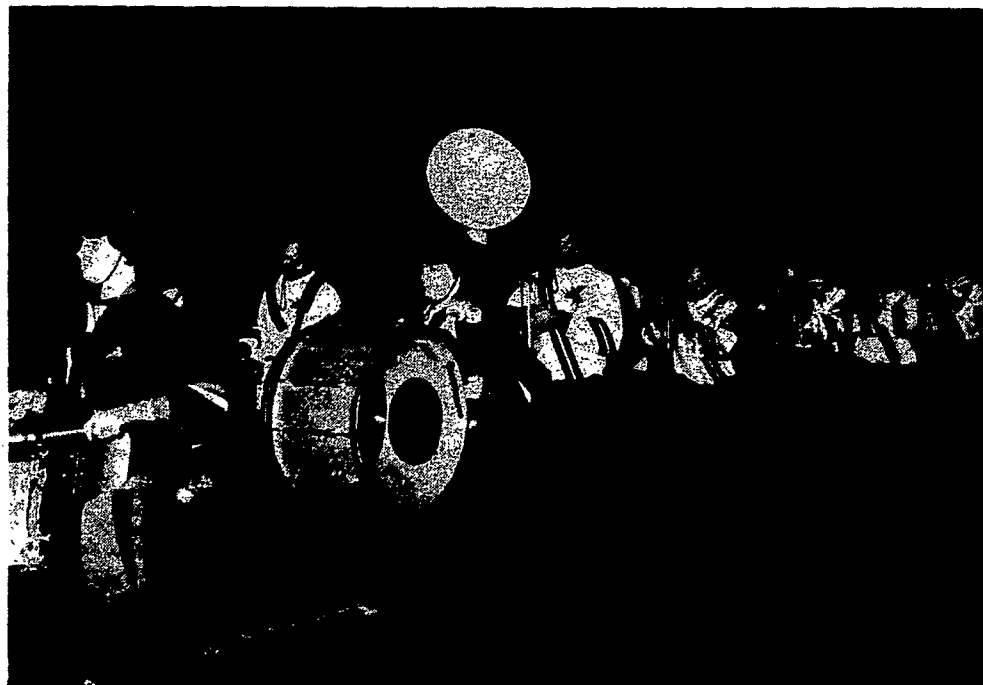


RAP AROUND

Joan M. Smith, Editor



The Aquinas Marching Band performing at a football halftime. Offshoots of the main band are a concert band and jazz ensemble.

Playing in the Holidays

The Aquinas Band, under the direction of David Martin, has a busy December ahead of it. They'll be performing concerts at grammar schools starting Tuesday, Dec. 15, at Most Precious Blood and St. Anthony's. On Wednesday, Dec. 16, they'll be at Sacred Heart and Nazareth Hall, and on Thursday, Dec. 17, they'll visit St. Augustine's and St. Helen's. All this leads up to the band's annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, which is free and open to the public.

The holiday musical selections will include

"Christmas Joy" by Frank Erickson, "Bugler's Holiday" by LeRoy Anderson, and "El Gato Triste" by Chuck Mangione and arranged by Martin.

Featured soloists will be the Zaepfel twins, Peter and Paul on alto saxophone; Mike Spuck, Jim Tierney, and Chris Goetting on trumpets; and Melvin Bryan, piano.

Musical Plays Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy High School will present the musical "No, No, Nanette" at 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 6, in the school auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road. The play, written in 1925, features such memorable tunes as "I Want to be Happy" and "Tea for Two."

Sue Haefner as Nanette; Christine Elliott as Sue, Nanette's mother; Kati Gorman, as Pauline, the maid; Sara Fendley as Flora; Eileen Hetterich as Winnie and Eileen O'Brien as Betty. The three male leads, Andrew Celli who will portray Jimmy, Jim Coughlin as Billy Early, and Mike Knight as Tom, are from McQuaid.

Featured in the cast are:



Kevin Monaghan, Randy Oleski, and Tom Ritzenthaler prepare the set for "God's Favorite."

Aquinas Entertains

The Aquinas Drama Club will present Neil Simon's "God's Favorite," at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 4-6, in the school auditorium. The show, directed by Mrs. Kathy Lynd, relates the trials and tribulations of a modern-day Job being tested for his faith in God.

Joseph Melvin; Betty Dolce, from Nazareth, as his distraught wife; and Peter Donner as God's messenger. Supporting roles are played by Mark Kershner, Ed Boland and Heather Anderson (Nazareth), as Joseph's children, and Cindy Ford (Nazareth) and Sherwin Bethel as the family servants.

Cast in the lead roles are: Adrian Goding, as the hapless

Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door.

A Top Scientist

Geneva — Patrick Faul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Faul of Phelps, has received the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award.

and basketball teams. He is considering the University of Pennsylvania, Case-Western, and LeMoyne in Syracuse as possible college choices.

A senior, Faul is a four-year student of science at DeSales High School and has attained the highest scholastic standing in this discipline. He is a RapAround coordinator for the Courier-Journal, and is a member of the varsity football

Winner

Whitney Bott, a junior at Bishop Kearney High School, was the recipient of the Winner's Circle \$5 for the week of Nov. 18.

Equal Time

What do you think is the greatest threat to the well-being of this country?

AQUINAS

MICHAEL MANTIONE
Sophomore

"Pressures on our government from different groups within the country and from those outside the country. I think they put a lot of pressure on the government to do what is best for them or their countries instead of looking out for the welfare of the world. I think this pressure could eventually crack our government unless we do something about it."



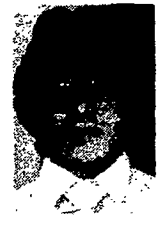
KEVIN O'KANE
Senior
boxing

"It's the internal discrimination. It seems that today everyone is paying attention to their own specific needs instead of the country's as a whole. They're losing track that we're all one and we should work together instead of for our own needs. I think the situation will improve because people are realizing this isn't the way to go."



EMMANUEL VENTURIS
Senior

"I'd have to say it's the people within the country. Because of drugs, which I think are at their highest point, people are turned off about war and if a war did come no one would support it. Everyone is counting on nuclear weapons to do the job but manpower is also needed. It's the moral letdown that weakens us as a nation. Everyone wants a democracy but no one wants to fight to keep it."



ERNE OLIN
Freshman
football

"Our involvement in world affairs. If we are just taking care of other countries and their problems, we aren't taking care of this country. Getting involved in other countries' affairs drains our energies and these countries get us involved over our heads. We have to keep our eyes on other countries, but we shouldn't sell them things like weapons."



MIKE KNOX
Junior

"The nuclear arms race. They'll use these weapons eventually and blow everything up. I think that we could stop the build-up of arms if we tried but they seem to be pushing for the continuing build-up of arms. I don't think it necessary to keep stockpiling."



GLENN SHAW
Junior
band

"Going to war. If we go to war it will be the destruction of everything and a waste of lives. We seem to be getting closer and closer to a war situation. I don't think a war could be contained but would become nuclear."



DAVID DIAZ
Freshman

"The possibility of war. If we go to war a lot of people will die and families will be lost. Everything will be destroyed but if we try we can probably stop it by working for peace treaties and stopping the arms build-up. Every country should have a supply of nuclear arms, but not increase them."



Spanish Adventure

St. Agnes students, alumnae, families and friends will be touring Spain and Portugal during Easter vacation. Just a few of the historical places they will be visiting are: Prado Art Museum in Madrid, the walled city of Toledo and the Alhambra in Granada.

Travel meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Jan. 14. At the Dec. 15 meeting slides will be shown of last year's tour, and at the January meeting, instruction will be given on how to take good travel pictures and how to pack.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call 424-1330, or Mrs. Ferland at 334-0539.

Career Preparation

The Rochester Area Career Education Council is sponsoring its annual regional breakfast meeting, today, Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Marriott Airport Hotel. Keynote speaker is Michael James Dickinson, vice president, engineering, Hansford Data Systems.

School administrators and managers from the business community in the western half of Monroe County will meet to analyze the demand of the technology of the nineties and discuss how to prepare for the future.



Winner's Circle

RapAround weekly will run a photo of a group of students taken somewhere in the diocese. One person will be circled and if that person brings the clipping to the Courier-Journal before noon of the Tuesday following our publication date, he or she will receive \$5. This week's photo was taken at St. Agnes during class. The person circled should bring the clipping to Joan M. Smith, Courier-Journal, 114 South Union St., by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 8, to receive \$5.